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About Admitting Slang Words.

"slang" expressions, while they re-

main merely temporary colloquialisms, should be recognized by lexi-

cographers. The argument is generally in the affirmative. Several dic-

tionary makers who have been con-

sulted take the ground that such works are not standards of good us-

age in literary matters, but rather

the reflections of such usage. And

high authorities in the world of let-

ters sustain this view, holding that a great many of the words now rec-

ognized as legitimate and used by the best writers were originally but

"slang expressions." On this point,

Prof. Thomas R. Lounbury, of the de-

partment of English literature in

Yale university, says with regard to

the propriety of dictionaries using

"I think it is a perfectly good thing

to do so. Slang is simply an at-

tempt on the part of the users of

language to get a stronger or more

expressive word for some particular

idea than the ordinary means sup-

plies. A vast amount of slang is ut-

terly worthless, and goes out of use

as soon as it has lived its little day.

But a great deal of our language has

come from slang. All such words as

banter, mob, humbug, bore, sham,

dude, were slang. A vast number of

words propose themselves as candi-

dates for admission to a language,

but mighty few get in until the word

or expression gets taken up by the

more highly educated classes and

comes into literary use. Dictionaries

cannot force words into circulation.

They can quote them and explain

their meaning. Nobody but special

students read dictionaries; others oc-

casionally consult such works. But

the people read works of fiction and

general literature, and if an author

who is very popularly read uses a

slang expression, and others, who

follow him, copy it, he may bring

that word into use and it may in

time become classic. Perhaps only

one slang word in one hundred is

saved for a future generation, and

they are only such as appeal to the

This view is substantially- concur

red in by Edmund C. Stedman, a

writer of the purest taste, who says:

"I suppose that three-fourths of

the conversational words of the Eng-

lish dictionary were originally 'col-

loquial,' if not slang. I remember

once writing that a feature of the

language is that 'the solecisms of

the next." Of course this is an ex-

aggeration, to make the point. Eng-

lish is expanding yearly, and may be

sorption of other tongues; and now

In fine, these authorities hold that

what is called the English language

is the growth of gradual accretion,

which is perfectly true. It has sim-

From Goshen, New York.

the following letter from Dr. Freder-

ick Seward, the owner of the "Inter

Pines," the magnificent home for in

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"Goshen, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1903.

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advise me the rental asked for the

five room house you mention and

state whether furnishing is complete

and is included. Of course I require

a furnished house. Would it be

possible for you to list two or three different places that might be in-

spected by a representative, or by

myself, in case I can make a prelim-

inary visit to your town? I desire se-

curing a place which will be entirely

satisfactory to my patient and must

exercise discretion in its selection.

Kindly mail me copies of your best

Very Truly Yours,

F. W. SEWARD.

valids at Goshen, N. Y.

Graham & Brown have received

one generation are classicisms

popular sense as filling a want."

these slang words:

# The Governor Says That Roswell May Put on Long Dresses and Enter the Sisterhood of Cities

By Proclamation of Governor Otero Roswell is a City.

THE FIRST TO APPLY.

Proceed to Organize the Town into a City.

Governor Otero has issued the pro-Trustees, and under Chapter 111 of of New Mexico.

is as follows:

Territory of New Mexico, Executive Office.

#### Proclamation.

Whereas, The town of Roswell, an incorporated village in the Territory of New Mexico, has applied through its board of trustees to the Governor of the Territory to make, issue and publish a proclamation of the fact that such village is entitled to and desires to become a city; and

Whereas, There has been filed in this office, as fequired by law, a sworn statement in writing, made and executed by the chairman of the board of trustees of said town of Roswell; and

Whereas, Said application and sworn statement are deemed to be in proper form and are accompanied by an accurate map or plat showing the boundaries of the proposed city and the center thereof as establish-

statement and application and the official data and information submitted herewith:

1. That the town of Roswell is now an incorporated village heretofore organized and now existing under the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, 2. That said town desires to change

the character of its municipal government to that of a city as now provided by law;

3. That said town has a bona fide population of more than two thousand;

4. That a board of trustees of the town of Roswell has heretofore established a center to such proposed city and the boundary lines thereof, which said boundaries do not extend to exceed one mile and a half each way from such center, and

5. That the assessed valuation of all property situated within the limits of such proposed city for the year 1903 as the same appears from the rolls of the assessor of the county of Chaves is \$914,849;

Now, Therefore, I, Miguel A. Otero, Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the laws of said Territory, do proclaim and declare:

1. That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 111 of the laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to enable towns or villages in the Territory of New Mexico to change the character and also another solid block of busiof their municipal government, and for other purposes" approved March 19, 1903, the town of Roswell is entitled to become a city.

2. That the name of such city shall

be The City of Roswell. 3. That the center of such proposed city shall be at a point heretofore established and ordained by the board of trustees of the town of Roswell and designated as the center of the intersection of Main and Fifth

streets in said town. 4. That the boundaries of such proposed city, as the same have been heretofore established and ordained

by the board of trustees of the town of Roswell shall be as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner Kinch Mullins, the Murderer of Tony of section 33, in township 10 south, of range 24 east, (New Mexico meri-

WAIVED EXAMINATION.

Staffinger, Held Without Bail. Kinch Mullins, who shot Tony dian) thence north along the section Staffinger the bar-tender at the Grand lines to the one-fourth section cor- Central, September 20th, was taken ner situated between sections 27 and into the sheriff's office this morning 28 in township 10 south, of range 24 at 10:30 for a preliminary examinaeast, thence west through the cen- tion. He waived examination and was ters of sections 28 and 29, in town-held without bail to await the action ship 10 south, of range 24 east, to of the grand jury. Judge Peacock the one-fourth corner between sec-said: "Mr. Mullins, you are charged tions 29 and 30, township 10 south, with the murder of Tony Staffinger of range 24 east, thence south along on the morning of the 20th day of the section lines to the one-fourth September. The law provides that corner between sections 31 and 32, in you can demand a hearing, or you township 10 south, of range 24 east, have the right of waiving examinathence west along the center to sec- tion." He very promptly said, "I will The Board of Trustees will tion 31 to the northwest corner of waive examination.," "All right, thats the northeast quarter of the south- all there is to it," replied Judge Peaeast quarter of section 31, in town- cock. The judge asked him what was ship 10 south, of range 24 east, then his real name, and he said Kinch east along the sub-division line to Mullins, that is all. There were about the southeast corner of the northeast fifteen men in the room and Mulquarter of the southeast quarter of lins was plainly terrified and was clamation asked for by our board of section 31, in township 10 south, of very nervous. He snapped his eyes range 24 east, thence south along at the spectators, and when Charles the laws of the Thirty-fifth Legisla- the section lines to the one-fourth Ruark, the man who grabbed him tive Assembly, which enables towns corner between sections five and six after he committed the dastardly to change the character of their mu- in township 11 south, of range 24 deed, came into the room, he looked nicipal government, has proclaimed east, thence east along the center of straight at him. He did not lose any that Roswell may proceed to organ- the section to the center of section time in getting back into the jail as ize the town into a city, and after five, in township 10 south, of range he evidently feels more secure besuch organization shall be a city with 24 east, thence south along the sub- hind the bars. Henry Hall and M. all the powers, privileges, duties and division line to southwest corner of Rainbolt closed the heavy doors beliabilities of cities in the Territory the northwest quarter of the north- hind him until court meets. He will east quarter of section 8, township not talk about his fearful crime and The full text of the proclamation | 11 south, of range 24 east, thence he has a good quiet place to reflect along the sub-division line to the on the consequences. He did not southeast corner of the nw. qr. of the have an attorney to represent him. northeast quarter of section five, in Jas. M. Hervey was in attendance to

# township 11 south, of range 24 east, prosecute the case if he had de-Ice Cream Sodas and Egg Drinks. The Best in the City. Bring Us Your Prescriptions. The Payton Drug Co.

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to the point of beginning.

vided by law, the board of trustees men will be treated equal." of the town of Roswell shall proceed to organize said town into a city under the provisions of Chapter 111 of the acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, and after such organization the said down of Roswell shall be a city with all the powers, privileges, duties and liabilities of cities in the Territory of New Mexico, and the boundary lines herein described shall be the boundaries of such city. and all the territory included therein shall constitute and be known as the City of Roswell, and shall be governed as such by the officers thereof,

under the laws applicable thereto. Done at the executive office this the 25th day of September, A. D. 1903. Witness my hand and the great seal of the Territory of New Mexico. MIGUEL A. OTERO.

By the Governor. (Great Seal.)

J. W. RAYNOLDS, Secretary of New Mexico.

The brick work on the new Smith building on Main street is progressing nicely and Roswell will soon have another handsome business building. ness houses on the east side of Main

thence north along the sub-division manded an examination. Mr. Hervey line to the northeast corner of the took down the names of the witneses northwest quarter of of the northeast present. Mullins had been given quarter of section 9, in township 11 whisky only once or twice since he south, of range 24 east, thence east has been in jail, and that was the along the section line to the corner day after he was arrested. Sheriff common to sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Higgins says, "Mullins has not acted Whereas, It appears from said in township 11 south, of range 24 crazy since he has been in jail. I do east, thence north along the section not knew any favorites, and the lines between sections 3 and 4, in shackles will be put on him as they township 11 south, of range 24 east, have been put on others who were sent on without bail and will be 5. That after the posting and published on everyone who is sent on withlication of this proclamtion as pro- out bail. As long as I am jailer all

### Communication.

Editor of the DAILY RECED:-

Arthur Geyer and Leslie Audrain. we:Solo B-flat Cornets of the Roswell band will leave Roswell next Thursday to enter the University of come the universal language by ab-Chicago. The former to study electricity and engineering; the latter to and then some slang word, created study physics and its kindred subjects. by the people, is so racy that it is Arthur and Leslie who for the past bound to get into the dictionaries. year have faithfully performed their | and it well deserves to do so." dety to the musical loving public of Roswell, will be greatly missed and it will be difficult to supply their places. These two young musicians will be good addition to the University band ply been a question of "survival of and a very severe blow for our city the fittest." band; nevertheless we are bound to part with them and the band boys here wish them God's speed and a successful course of learning. Feeling sorry to lose their congenial partnership in the band, but know full well that the University band boys will be glad to make this worthy addition to their Respectfully, band.

JACK FLETCHER, Instructor.

Miss Sallie McPheeters will leave for her home at Natchez, Mississippi, in a few days. Her sister Miss Marie will spend the winter here.

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#### High Class Men's Furnishers and The admission into the dictionary of the word "chesty"-the coinage of Clothiers of Roswell which is attributed to ex-Chief Devery of New York, and which has become somewhat famous despite its infamous origin-has raised an interesting discussion, says the Paterson Press. The question is whether

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